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COMING TV EVENTS

Royal Tour of Wales

Below we give some of the coming attractions in the BBC's television service:

The tour of Wales by her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on July 9th and 10th will be the first visit to the Principality to be presented to Welsh television viewers. During the tour most of the chief cultural and industrial centres will be visited, among them Cardiff and Caernarvon.

Berkeley Smith will be at the City Hall, Cardiff, to describe to viewers the arrival there of her Majesty and his Royal Highness.

At Caernarvon, the scene in and around the ancient Castle will be described by Richard Dimbleby. Events here include the presentation of the key of the castle by the Constable, Lord Harlech.

"Anastasia"

Following on her play "The Servant," another play by Marcelle Maurette, "Anastasia," will be televised on July 12th and 16th. The production will be by John Counsell and Rosemary Hill. The adaptation is by Guy Bolton.

This is a very different kind of play from the one about St. Joan, and tells the story of the discovery between the wars, of a girl in Berlin who claimed to be the youngest daughter of the murdered Czar of Russia.

Three years ago Christian Simpson produced "Frankie and Johnny," one of the first successful examples of a musical play specially written with TV camera sequences in mind. It was put on at Alexandra Palace on July 17th, 1950, and repeated on October 4th in the same year.

"Frankie and Johnny" will be presented to a much larger audience of viewers on July 17th, and though the treatment will in general be on the same lines as before, some sequences will show an improvement due to the better facilities available at Lime-grove.

Quatermass Experiment

A serial play in six weekly parts by Nigel Kneal will start on July 18th.

The story concerns an attempt to send a manned rocket beyond the atmosphere of the earth. Professor Bernard Quatermass is head of the small group of British scientists responsible for this limited experiment, in which the rocket is to reach a height of 1,500 miles and make certain observations before returning.

During their recent tour of Wales her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh must have gained many impressions of the manner of life of the Welsh people.

Passing through rural and urban districts, the Royal visitors saw the industrial as well as the rural scene. On July 13th TV cameras will also focus their attention on the Welsh way of life when they visit the National Folk Museum at St. Fagans, near Cardiff.

For Deaf Children

In Children's TV on July 13th, Jasmine Bligh will introduce another special programme for deaf children, to be produced by Ursula Eason. It will include a short film shot specially by the BBC at Mary Hare Grammar School for Deaf Children, Newbury, Berks.

John Gavall, singer and guitarist, who is currently to be heard in the serial play "The Heir of Skipton," on Children's TV, will give a short programme on July 12th.

In his programme he will explain why he is such an enthusiast for the guitar; it is one of his beliefs that this handy-sized, pleasant, instrument could well take the place occupied for so long by the piano in our homes. He will demonstrate how the guitar is played, and show viewers what a lot of pleasure they could get for themselves by taking it up.

"The Story of the Treasure Seekers"

Dorothea Brooking will produce as a serial play her own adaptation of "The Story of the Treasure Seekers," by E. Nesbit, starting on July 14th, in Children's TV. The story will be presented in six half-hour episodes on Tuesdays.

Many young viewers will remember "The Railway Children," by E. Nesbit, which Dorothea Brooking presented as a serial in eight parts, and "Five Children and It," by the same author, which was televised in two parts.

Telebriefs

The familiar scaffolding (45ft. high) for holding the cameras will again be seen outside the grounds of Old Trafford, Manchester, when play in the Third Test Match will be televised several times each day on July 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th.

The next edition of "All Your Own," a programme in which children from all over Great Britain have been invited to take part, will be on July 12th.

'Deutschland' Before National Anthem

A British army band played "Deutschland Ueber Alles," the German national hymn, before "God Save the Queen" at a ceremony near Muenchen-Gladbach, Ruhr, yesterday, when British service chiefs laid the foundation stone of a vast new HQ. It is for the Atlantic Pact Northern Army Group.

A staff officer explained that the German hymn had been played first, before the national anthems of Belgium, Canada, Holland and Britain, because there were official German guests at the ceremony. The other four countries as members of Northern Army Group were hosts.

Ada King Dead

Ada King, the actress, died last night in St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, aged 68. Since the 1930's she had not had any important parts, though she was always known as a reliable, competent actress.

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